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SUBJECT: CHAMURLISKI CASE

REF: MOSHER-FELDMAN OFFICIAL-INFORMAL MARCH 18, PARA. 1

1. ON APRIL 21, AMBASSADOR WROTE ANDREWS LATEST NEWS, WHICH WAS SPARSE AND BLEAK, ABOUT CHAMURLISKI.

2. ON APRIL 24, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR PROVIDED MORE RECENT INFORMATION THAT IS MORE ENCOURAGING. ACCORDING TO SOURCE THAT HE WOULD NOT IDENTIFY (PROBABLY HIS EMBASSY'S BULGARIAN LAWYER), CHAMURLISKI'S SENTENCE HAS BEEN COMMUTED FROM DEATH TO TWENTY YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

3. ODDLY ENOUGH ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS NO NEWS THAT THE ITALIAN CITIZEN IMPLICATED IN THE SAME ESPIONAGE AFFAIR HAS HAD HIS PRISON SENTENCE REDUCED AT SAME TIME OR EARLIER, AS HE EXPECTED.

4. ITALIAN AMB PROMISHED FURTHER INFORMATION AND WARNED THAT FOREGOING WAS "UNCONFIRMED".HOWEVER,HE SAID THAT HIS INFORMANT HAD REPORTED A FORMAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO THE COURT TO COMMUTE THE SENTENCE. IN OUR EXPERIENCE SUCH A "RECOMMENDATION" IS TANTAMOUNT TO ACCOMPLISHED

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